PROTOCOL

FOR DOGS, CATS, FERRETS, OR LIVESTOCK POSSIBLY EXPOSED TO RABIES



Dog, cat, ferret or livestock exposed 1 bat or other wild animal (mammal)



Exposed dog/cat/ferret/livestock has current rabies vaccination 2, 3

- 1. Revaccinate immediately, and
- 2. Have owner observe for 45 days

Euthanize and test dog/cat/ferret/livestock for rabies if it becomes ill, with signs suggestive of rabies, or dies during observation period

- If questions of exposure: [1]
 - 1. First call your local health department and animal control
 - 2. If they are unavailable, during business hours, call the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) at (800) 292-3939 OR the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) at (517) 335-8165.
 - 3. After 5:00 PM and weekends, call MDARD at (517) 373-0440 OR MDCH at (517) 335-9030.
- [2] An animal is considered "currently" vaccinated against rabies if a licensed veterinarian has administered a vaccine product approved for use in that species within 12 months if it was the animals FIRST vaccination (First vaccination is by 4 months of age for dogs; 12 weeks for ferrets; cats are not required to be vaccinated by Michigan law, but is strongly recommended due to the predatory nature of cats). For SUBSEQUENT rabies vaccinations, current means administered by a veterinarian within 1 or 3 years from previous vaccination, depending on vaccine used.
- [3] **Livestock:** Consideration should be given to vaccinating livestock that are particularly valuable. Animals that have frequent contact with humans (e.g., in petting zoos, fairs and other public exhibitions) and horses traveling interstate should be currently vaccinated.

Exposed dog/cat/ferret/livestock does NOT have current rabies vaccination

Test bat or other wild animal. If animal is NOT available, must proceed as if positive



Immediately

euthanize

ferret/livestock

exposed dog/cat/

Results Negative

Vaccinate dog/cat/ ferret/livestock against rabies

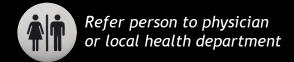
If owner refuses euthanasia of animal:

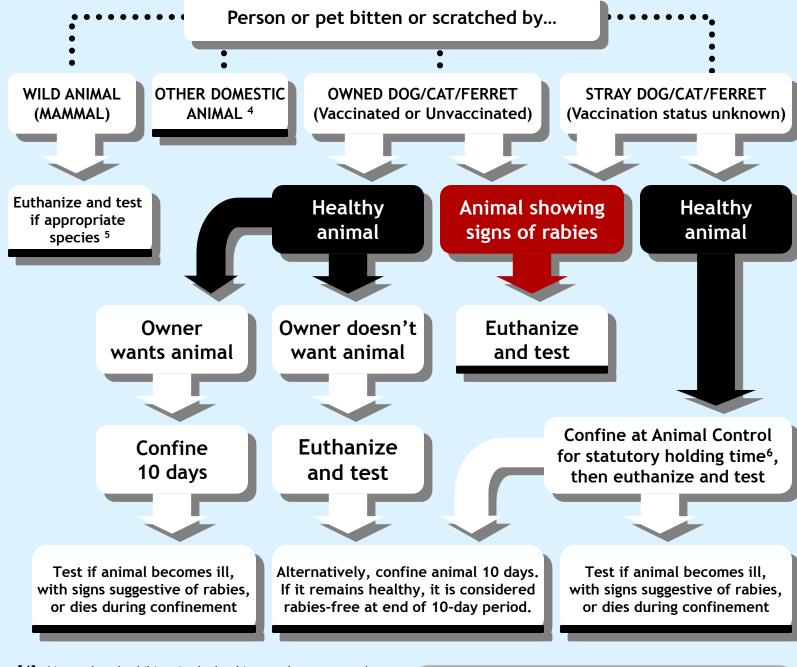
- 1. Advise owner of potential health risks
- 2. Strict guarantine for 6 months
- 3. Euthanize and test dog/cat/ferret/livestock for rabies if it becomes ill, with signs suggestive of rabies, or dies during confinement period
- 4. Vaccination may be administered at beginning of confinement, or at month 5 of confinement

RABIES PROTOCOL

FOR MAMMALS WHICH HAVE

BITTEN PEOPLE OR PETS





- [4] Livestock and exhibit animals that bite people are assessed individually (a separate zoo animal rabies flowchart is available @ www.michigan.gov/rabies). In all instances of other domestic animal species, contact the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) at (517) 335-8165 OR notify the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) at (800) 292-3939.
- [5] The animals listed at right are rarely infected with rabies and have not been known to transmit rabies to humans. These species will not be tested except by special arrangement with MDCH at (517) 335-8165. After 5:00 PM and on weekends, dial (517) 335-9030.
- [6] Act 224 of 1969: Four days with no collar, license, MDARD tattoo, or other evidence of ownership; or 7 days with evidence of ownership.

CHIPMUNK GUINEA PIG MOUSE RABBIT
GERBIL HAMSTER MUSKRAT RAT

GOPHER MOLE VOLE PRAIRIE DOG

SQUIRREL SHREW

Note: WOODCHUCKS are an exception to this list and are tested

For more information, please visit: www.michigan.gov/rabies or www.cdc.gov/rabies



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DIRECTORY OF MICHIGAN HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

In general, health care providers should seek consultation regarding communicable disease prevention and control services through their local health department.

| COUNTY | HEALTH DEPT. | CO. OFFICE | AREA | PHONE | FAX | COUNTY | HEALTH DEPT. | CO. OFFICE | AREA | PHONE | FAX |
|--------------|-----------------------|------------------|------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------|------|--------------|--------------|
| Alcona | District 2 | Harrisvile | 989 | 724-6757 | 343-1894 | Lake | District 10 | Baldwin | 231 | 745-4663 | 745-2501 |
| Alger | LMAS DHD | Munising | 906 | 387-2297 | 387-2224 | Lapeer | Lapeer County | Lapeer | 810 | 667-0448 | 667-0232 |
| Allegan | Allegan County | Allegan | 269 | 673-5411 | 673-2163 | Leelanau | Benzie-Leelanau DHD | Lake Leelanau | 231 | 256-0200 | 256-7399 |
| Alpena | District 4 | Alpena | 989 | 356-4507 | 356-3529 | Lenawee | Lenawee County | Adrian | 517 | 264-5227 | 264-0790 |
| Antrim | Health Dept. of NW MI | Bellaire | 231 | 533-8670 | 547-0460 | Livingston | Livingston County | Howell | 517 | 546-9850 | 546-6995 |
| Arenac | Cent MI DHD | Standish | 989 | 846-6541 | 846-0431 | Luce | LMAS DHD | Newberry | 906 | 293-5107 | 293-5724 |
| Baraga | Western UP Dist | L'Anse | 906 | 524-6142 | 524-6144 | Mackinac | LMAS DHD | St. Ignace | 906 | 643-1100 | 643-0239 |
| Barry | Barry-Eaton DHD | Hastings | 517 | 541-2641 | 541-2666 | Macomb | Macomb County | Mt. Clemens | 586 | 783-8190 | 493-0075 |
| Bay | Bay County | Bay City | 989 | 895-2039 | 895-2083 | Manistee | District 10 | Manistee | 231 | 723-3595 | 723-0150 |
| Benzie | Benzie-Leelanau DHD | Benzonia | 231 | 882-4409 | 882-0143 | Marquette | Marquette County | Negaunee | 906 | 315-2631 | 475-4435 |
| Berrien | Berrien County | Benton Harbor | 269 | 926-7121 | 926-8129 | Mason | District 10 | Ludington | 231 | 845-7381 | 845-9374 |
| Branch | Branch/Hills/St Jo | Coldwater | 517 | 279-9561 | 278-2923 | Mecosta | District 10 | Big Rapids | 231 | 592-0130 | 592-9464 |
| Calhoun | Calhoun County | Battle Creek | 269 | 969-6370 | 969-6488 | Menominee | Delta-Men Dist | Menominee | 906 | 863-4451 | 863-7142 |
| Cass | Van Buren-Cass DHD | Cassopolis | 269 | 445-5280 | 445-5278 | Midland | Midland County | Midland | 989 | 832-6666 | 837-6524 |
| Charlevoix | Health Dept. of NW MI | Charlevoix | 231 | 547-6523 | 547-0460 | Missaukee | District 10 | Lake City | 231 | 839-7167 | 839-7908 |
| Cheboygan | District 4 | Cheboygan | 231 | 627-8850 | 989-356-3529 | Monroe | Monroe County | Monroe | 734 | 240-7832 | 240-7906 |
| Chippewa | Chippewa County | Sault Ste. Marie | 906 | 635-1566 | 635-7081 | Montcalm | Mid-MI DHD | Stanton | 989 | 831-5237 | 831-5522 |
| Clare | Cent MI DHD | Harrison | 989 | 539-6731 | 539-4449 | Montmorency | District 4 | Atlanta | 989 | 356-3529 | 785-2217 |
| Clinton | Mid-MI DHD | St. Johns | 989 | 224-2195 | 224-4300 | Muskegon | Muskegon County | Muskegon | 231 | 724-4723 | 724-1325 |
| Crawford | District 10 | Grayling | 989 | 348-7800 | 348-5346 | Newaygo | District 10 | White Cloud | 231 | 689-7300 | 689-5295 |
| Delta | Delta-Men Dist | Escanaba | 906 | 786-4111 | 786-1962 | Oakland | Oakland County | Pontiac | 248 | 858-1286 | 858-0178 |
| Dickinson | Dick-Iron Dist | Kingsford | 906 | 774-1868 | 779-7232 | Oceana | District 10 | Hart | 231 | 873-2193 | 873-4366 |
| Eaton | Barry-Eaton DHD | Charlotte | 517 | 541-2641 | 541-2666 | Ogemaw | District 2 | West Branch | 989 | 345-5020 | 343-1899 |
| Emmet | Health Dept. of NW MI | Petoskey | 231 | 347-6014 | 547-0460 | Ontonagon | Western UP Dist | Ontonagon | 906 | 884-4485 | 884-2358 |
| Genesee | Genesee County | Flint | 810 | 257-1017 | 257-3247 | Osceola | Cent MI DHD | Reed City | 231 | 832-5532 | 832-1020 |
| Gladwin | Cent MI DHD | Gladwin | 989 | 426-9431 | 426-6952 | Os coda | District 2 | Mio | 989 | 826-3970 | 343-1895 |
| Gogebic | Western UP Dist | Bessemer | 906 | 667-0200 | 667-0020 | Otsego | Health Dept. of NW MI | Gaylord | 989 | 732-1794 | 231-547-0460 |
| Gd. Traverse | Grand Traverse Co | Traverse City | 231 | 922-4831 | 922-2719 | Ottawa | Ottawa County | Holland | 616 | 396-5266 | 393-5767 |
| Gratiot | Mid-MI DHD | Ithaca | 989 | 875-3681 | 875-3747 | Presque Isle | District 4 | Rogers City | 989 | 356-3529 | 734-3866 |
| Hillsdale | Branch/Hills/St Jo | Hillsdale | 517 | 437-7395x200 | 437-0166 | Roscommon | Cent MI DHD | Prudenville | 989 | 366-9166 | 366-8921 |
| Houghton | Western UP Dist | Hancock | 906 | 482-7382 | 482-9410 | Saginaw | Saginaw County | Saginaw | 989 | 758-3885 | 758-3888 |
| Huron | Huron County | Bad Axe | 989 | 269-9721 | 269-4181 | St. Clair | St. Clair County | Port Huron | 810 | 987-5300 | 985-4340 |
| Ingham | Ingham County | Lansing | 517 | 887-4308 | 887-4379 | St. Joseph | Branch/Hills/St Jo | Three Rivers | 269 | 273-2161x200 | 273-2452 |
| Ionia | Ionia County | Ionia | 616 | 527-5341 | 527-8208 | Sanilac | Sanilac County | Sandusky | 810 | 648-4098 | 648-5276 |
| losco | District 2 | Tawas City | 989 | 362-6183 | 343-1892 | Schoolcraft | LMAS DHD | Manistique | 906 | 341-6951 | 341-5230 |
| Iron | Dick-Iron Dist | Iron River | 906 | 265-9913 | 265-4174 | Shiawassee | Shiawassee County | Corunna | 989 | 743-2318 | 743-2413 |
| Isabella | Cent MI DHD | Mt. Pleasant | 989 | 773-5921 | 773-4319 | Tuscola | Tuscola County | Caro | 989 | 673-8114 | 673-7490 |
| Jackson | Jackson County | Jackson | 517 | 768-1662 | 788-4256 | Van Buren | Van Buren-Cass DHD | Hartford | 269 | 621-3143 | 621-2725 |
| Kalamazoo | Kalamazoo County | Kalamazoo | 269 | 373-5267 | 373-5060 | Washtenaw | Washtenaw County | Ypsilanti | 734 | 544-6700 | 544-6706 |
| Kalkaska | District 10 | Kalkaska | 231 | 258-8669 | 258-2805 | Wayne (out-Wayne) | Wayne County | Wayne | 734 | 727-7078 | |
| Kent | Kent County | Grand Rapids | 616 | 632-7228 | 632-7085 | Detroit | Detroit City | Detroit | 313 | 876-4138 | 876-0070 |
| Keweenaw | Western UP Dist | Hancock | 906 | 482-7382 | 482-9410 | Wexford | District 10 | Cadillac | 231 | 775-9942 | 775-4127 |

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